



Volkssport Association of British Columbia CVF Director's Walk



YRE304 Oliver Tinhorn Creek - 10 km – Rated 3B

This walk qualifies for the CVF Brewery, Cheesery and Winery Walking Program

The trail begins at the Tinhorn Creek Winery, 32830 Tinhorn Creek Rd (V0H 1Y0). Follow Hwy 97 ~4.5 km south of Oliver. Turn right at the Tinhorn Creek Winery sign (Road # 7) over the irrigation canal and straight onto Tinhorn Creek Rd. The winery is about 1 km from the highway. Plenty of parking is available.

NOTE: Before walking the Golden Mile Trail, make sure that you are properly equipped, as you would be for any hike. Proper footwear, clothing and sun screen are essential. A snack and plenty of water are also needed for this hike. Many forms of wildlife can be seen along the route: deer, bears and even rattlesnakes live in the area. Please respect their space for your own safety. Expect the hike to take at least three hours.

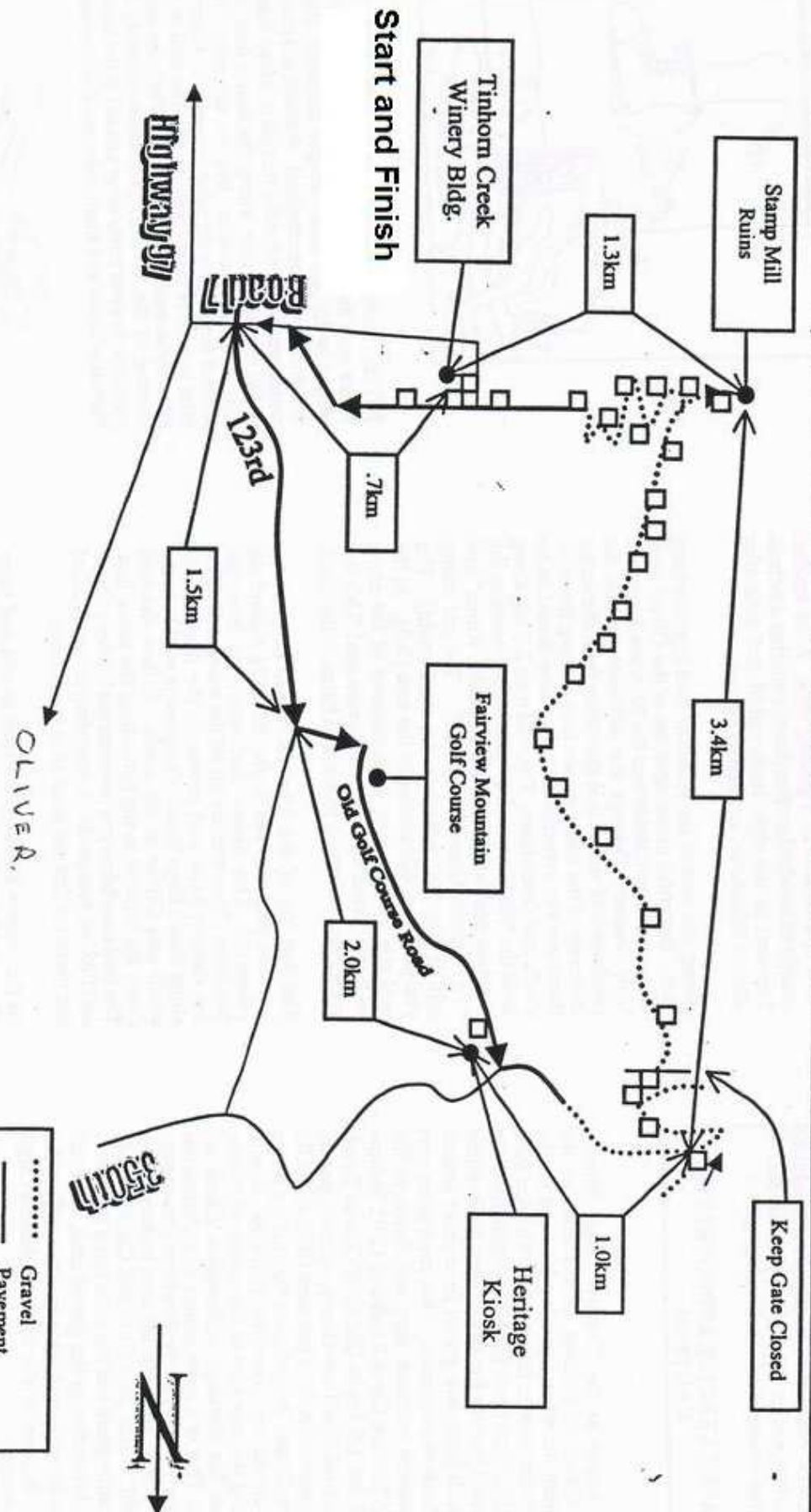
1. From the winery parking lot head up the driveway to the wooden post marked "EXIT->". Turn north (right) and walk between the vines until you see another Exit sign. Follow that road down and continue to the right at a junction with another paved road (past another Exit sign). This road takes you past the winery entrance sign and down to the junction of Tinhorn Creek Road and 123rd. Turn left. **(0.7 km)**
2. Follow 123rd north for 1.5 km to Old Golf Course Road. Along this road you'll see cherry, apricot, peach, apple and pear orchards. Turn west (left) onto Old Golf Course Road **(2.2 km)**. As you pass the driving range the road climbs up onto the Fairview bench.
3. Approaching the stop sign at the corner of 350th (unmarked), you can see The Heritage Information Kiosk on your right. This is a great source of information about the early history of the Southern Okanagan. **(4.2 km)**
4. After you've read all about the area history, head back up 350th. Just past Old Golf Course road, there is a cattle guard and the road turns to gravel. About 0.7 kilometres up the gravel road, the road switches to the right and there is a road off to the left (west) with a No Parking sign. This road immediately comes to a 'T' junction. The right hand road has a sign 'Keep out. Private' Take the other road (the left hand road) up the hill past a sign 'Stop Illegal Dumping' **(5.2K)**
5. After about 100 metres, a small creek crosses the trail. The trail turns back south and opens up into grazing lands. Shortly into this area, there is a "Y" in the road. Take the left fork. Two hundred metres past the fork, you come to a fence marked "Cattle at large. Please close gate". Open and go through the gate, but **please remember to close it! This land is actively used by ranchers as a grazing area.** After another couple of hundred metres there is another junction. The trail to the right leads uphill and ends after about a kilometre, so keep to the left.
6. Along this part of the route the trail is a two track path. Beautiful views open up of the Oliver area, Osoyoos, Mount Baldy and the golf course. Through the different seasons the patchwork of orchards in the valley floor shows the diversity of the crops grown here. Along this road there are the remains of many abandoned mine shafts and fence lines. The trail runs 2.9 km from the "Please close gate" gate before reaching an old stamp mill. At the mill site you can see on your right what remains of the stone walls that were built over 100 years ago! This is a great place to have a picnic and listen to the birds. **(8.6 km)**
7. The last leg of the hike takes you **back** 200 metres to where a trail branches off to the right and out to the foothills behind the vineyards. The views that open up here are fabulous! You can see all of the vineyards along the Golden Mile and across to the desert lands along Black Sage Road. Osoyoos is visible in the south and Oliver to the north. Follow the trail down the hillside about 400 metres to the gate along the fence line. Go through the gate and turn left. The trail now takes you down through rows of vines. A sampling of nearly all the grape varieties grown here is in these rows.
8. At the winery building, it's time to rest and relax after your hike. On the front deck you can take in the breathtaking views of the valley, and enjoy a taste of the new gold from the Golden Mile. **(9.9 km)**

We hope you enjoyed our walk!

If there are any problems with the instructions or the map, please contact:

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Oliver Route B Tinhorn Creek 10K



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—	Pavement
□	Trail Marker

**Map not to scale.

